

On motion, the Secretaries were directed to have the Laws and Regulations of the Society, as adopted this evening, printed for the use of the members.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented and accepted and the appropriations passed for the year 1886.

And the meeting was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, January 1, 1886.*

Present, 11 members.

President FRALEY, in the Chair.

Donations for the Library were received from the Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope; Asiatic Society of Japan; Anthropologische Gesellschaft, Wien; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, &c., München; Astronomische Nachrichten, Kiel; Zoölogische Anzeiger, Leipzig; Archives Néerlandaises, Hærlém; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; Osservatorio della Università di Torino; Société de Géographie, Société d'Anthropologie, Musée Guimet, Institut de France and Ecole des Mines, Paris; the Royal Society, Zoölogical Society, Geological Society, Royal Meteorological Society, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Meteorological Council, Greenwich Observatory and Nature, London; Canadian Institute; Mr. Parker Pillsbury of Concord, N. H.; the publishers of the American Architect and Every Other Saturday, Boston; Meteorological Observatory, New York; Journal of Medical Sciences, Dr. J. W. Holland, Prof. E. D. Cope, Messrs. Henry Phillips, Jr., E. A. Barber and R. S. Culin, Philadelphia; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Philosophical Society, Washington; the War Department, National Academy of Sciences, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C.; State Board of Health, Tennessee; Prof. H. S. Frieze of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Nebraska State Historical Society; Mr. Wm. M. Stewart of San Francisco; publisher of the West-American Scientist, San Diego, Cal.; and the Observatorio Meteorológico-Magnético Central de México.

The Société Entomologique de Belgique (by letter dated Bruxelles, Dec. 9, 1885), requested exchanges. On motion, it was placed upon the list to receive Proceedings from No. 96.

Geological Society of Glasgow, by letter requested certain missing numbers of the Proceedings, which was referred to the Secretaries with power to act.

Letters of envoy were read from the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey; U. S. Bureau of Ethnology; La Société Hollandaise des Sciences, Hærlém.

Mr. Everard F. im Thurn, of British Guiana, accepted membership by letter dated Torquay, England, Dec. 19, 1885.

The President reported that he had appointed Dr. Harrison Allen to prepare obituary notice of the late Dr. A. H. Smith, and Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., of the late Henry S. Hagert, Esq., and that both had accepted the appointment.

The death of Samuel Birch, LL.D. (London, Dec. 29, 1885), in the 72d year of his age, was announced.

The judges of the annual election reported that the following officers and council had been elected for the year 1886, viz:

*President,*  
Frederick Fraley.

*Vice-Presidents,*  
E. Otis Kendall, Pliny F. Chase, W. S. W. Ruschenberger.

*Secretaries,*  
J. P. Lesley, G. F. Barker, D. G. Brinton, Henry Phillips, Jr.

*Councilors,*  
Oswald Seidensticker, Richard Wood, Wm. V. McKean,  
Persifor Frazer.

*Councilor for one year, in lieu of W. S. W. Ruschenberger,*  
*resigned,*

Thomas H. Dudley.

*Curators,*  
Geo. H. Horn, Charles G. Ames, John R. Baker.

*Treasurer,*  
J. Sergeant Price.

On motion, Henry Phillips, Jr., Esq., was renominated for Librarian, and the nominations were closed.

Prof. Cope presented for the Transactions a paper "On the Intercentrum of the Terrestrial Vertebrata," which was referred to Dr. H. Allen, Dr. H. Jayne, and Dr. Geo. H. Horn.

Prof. Allen made a communication on the result of experiments on electric light used in photographing animals in motion.

Prof. Cope presented for the Proceedings a paper by Dr. Alfredo Dugês of Guanajuato, *Sur le Rhinocœurus Antonii*.

Pending nominations Nos. 1064-1075 and new nominations Nos. 1076-1080 were read.

Report of the Publication Committee presented November 6th, 1885, was taken up and considered, and the recommendations therein contained were unanimously adopted, as follows:

1. That the Quarterly numbers of the Proceedings shall be confined as nearly as possible to 125 pp. each.
2. That papers containing more matter than will fill about 24 pp. of the Proceedings shall be considered as offered for the Transactions.
3. That all papers requiring engravings or plates of full page size shall be considered as offered for the Transactions.

The committee appointed at last meeting on the paper on *Yucca angustifolia*, reported progress and was continued.

After the reading of the rough minutes the meeting was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, January 15, 1886.*

Present, 25 members.

President FRALEY, in the Chair.

Letters of envoy were received from the Societas pro Fauna et Flora Fennica, Helsingfors; Bataafsch Genootschap der Proefondervindelijke Wijsbegeerte, Rotterdam; Royal Society of Victoria; Société de Naturalistes de la Nouvelle Russie, Odessa,